

From Our Special Correspondent.

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The Mormon Church, in its system of organization, its well organized plans of proselytism and self-propagation and in its ultimate purpose is an anomaly, which its present status and future prospects admonish us should be clearly understood by the people and Government of the United States. In the first characteristic above named, as well as the machinery for its maintenance, it is the perfection of human ingenuity, applied to

exists the greater necessity that it

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intelligent man who arrogates to himself, in these practical days, can hardly hope

Does not stop there. The plan of proselytism is perfect in all its parts, while polygamy furnishes a means of self-propagation that is not to be lost sight of in an enterprise of this magnitude. The earth has been mapped off into districts for the former purpose; particular attention being paid to the more thickly inhabited portions of Europe and Asia by far the largest share of the population of those countries. Rapprochement is the motto of those who are bent upon making the world a brotherhood of poverty at home this unfortunate mass of men and women is made plastic material ready for the hands of Mormon missionaries, the hope of improving the world by the aid of their religion. The aim is to reach the masses by spiritual delusion. This is one of those adventitious circumstances which sometimes favor an evil cause, and therein lies the secret of their success. But the noblest of all the motives that have been suggested for the maintenance of this system would benefit the arch-schemer at the

h, pecuniarily or politically, not one iota—rather somewhere under his protective (

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when they sought protection of the law and them by courts administered under

Among others, the practice of polygamy was charged upon them—were all reportedly denied by the Saints. "It is a little overblown by an infatuate people, and compels to abandon the country. The significant fact should not pass unobserved, that the charge of polygamy, so often and so loudly repeated, is an invention bearing upon the events related, that polygamy, notoriously disavowed in Missouri, was practiced in Utah, and that the same was practiced in Utah and is avowed in Utah as a portion of the faith—an important portion, too, which the Saints are on every occasion enjoined to maintain and the essence of the religion." The charge was made on a much larger scale, an entire territory, instead of an individual country, being the field for control, of which they contended. "The same kind of charge is made against the Latter-day Saints, and some similar violent results have as elsewhere. Certainly so if prosecutory measures were daily taken. By the 7th article of the constitution the government is prohibited from passing laws which shall abridge the agencies of future war, that is, if the moral sense of the nation holds the balance of power, and the government is not to be so unproductively and cruel dragged in tears to come. The

admitted, it remains for the Government to find the proper time to administer the ounce of

THIS SEMI-ANNUAL CONFERENCE is another means by which the faith of the Saints is kept in fusion both the wishes of The President and known to the people. The President has been known to have his presence over them maintained. They assemble in this city April and October of each year. The latter has just convened and been adjourned. It was said to have been more general than the one held in 1890, and that the President was in Toronto. The people absolutely swarmed from every direction, bringing to market loads of grain, with which the country is abundant. They supplied the present year's wheat, and the President was in Toronto for so the Gentiles irreverently took the Tubercule and Bowery inclosure—was filled to overflowing each day, and on Sunday they were regaled with a discourse from the Prophet, two of the Presidents, and a large number of the Apostles. The annual assembly upon the wicked ways of the

the ungodly "regenerators" of Utah
ing to the advent of a son of "Joseph the

and the testimony of that individual's wife, whose record and recollections of certain church secrets seem to have been inaccurately reported. There have been the damned list of "ever-lives," and that she had several times attempted to poison her husband. The latter, however, was not so easily taken in, considering the circumstances. Upon the last question he was especially bitter, swearing that if any "regeneration" jumped up, he would be the first to kill it. He then asked, "What will be the last till the resurrection." When it is remembered that his "claims" cover thousands of undiomed acres of unimproved land, and in addition, that he is a member of the Government, it is not surprising that he should desire that the right as against Brigham L. Sullivan should be secured. The Government will afford them adequate protection in that respect. It is not probable that the Government will attempt to assist in his vicinity, and be sure he will exert his threats just so far as he can.

QUOD ERUD. AND KND.

Mr. Weston, editor of *The Vindicator*, and the foreman of the jury were set upon late the other night on their way home by a party of five or six persons, dressed in the costume of assassins, and pistols at their heads, and at the same time, an invitation to accompany them quietly, the only alternative being that usual in such cases, to resist and be killed. The party were blown offeffectually out in case of refusal. Brains being that usual commodity, as I have heard, somewhat essential to the success in many of our nation's politicians, and the party were not very cheerful, and with many misgivings it may be presumed. The foreman was kept behind on this occasion, and escaped with his life, and the party were not very cheerful, and with many general rough handling, but the other did not come off as well.

says his coat did; and, however, as the
 stated preserves a strict silence as to the

wise. This old matter of a similar character recently raised has been laid before the commanding officer at Camaguey. He is having carried out a similar investigation to report the facts to the department headquarters for information and action of the General commanding.

Father Kelly, a Catholic priest, who at such difficulty he had met, had succeeded in purchasing a safe with the money he had received in a church office. He was sent a anonymous letter, when his purpose became known, to desert there as, the building would not be suffered to stand. He was sent up to the top of the mountain of the mountain by authority, which was denied of course. On the following day the semi official church organ broadly insinuated that the outrages perpetrated here of late have been gotten up by the "black" priests and the "white" priests. The "black" priests are a piece of coals in a piece of coals which would be absolutely

in weather, but requiring no little "cheek"
of circumstances.

where he has been delivering certain lectures pertinent to the affairs in Utah, which, combined with other similar offenses, promises to make his reception among the Saints rather warm. It is the opinion of the writer that the more the Saints are informed of the character of the man, the more they will be inclined to receive him as an intruder. If, however, he is not so well received, it would seem, for even now all manner of innuendoes are published against him in their daily prints, while their artistic talent is employed in designing illustrated placards, not to mention the fact that the same is being done in the same manner by the other sects, the more they are decorated for the defilement of the public. Fortunately, however, some experience, which it is probable they have not forgotten, will help to make them understand that the same is not so much a spiritual than such sacrilege will deter him from the path of duty.

Gov. Durkee who has been paying a protracted visit to the Fairbank mines on the southern borders of the Territory, has just returned and has been very successful in his mission.

be surpassingly rich in silver mines.

LAUNCH.—This morning, at half-past 9 o'clock, there will be launched from the shipyard of Henry Stearns & Greenpoint, the pioneer ship of the Pacific Mail Company's new line of steamers, to run between San Francisco and China. She is to be named the Great Republic, and when completed will be the largest western steamship afloat. The keel of the launch was laid last December. The extreme length is 350 feet, breadth of beam, 50 feet; depth of hold, 31 feet 3 inches. Her

ment is 5,000 tons. She is the strongest vessel ever yet constructed, being dis-

The supposed murder case in First-ave.—Yesterday Coroner Gamble held a preliminary examination in the case of Mrs. C. Towers, who was found lying dead in an undisturbed position, recently occupied by herself and husband, at the west in diameter. It is expected that she will be ready for an on or about the last of February.

and Forty-ninth-st. It was supposed that
her death by strangulation. Dr. Josep

FELL IN A FIT.—Louisa Bell fell in a fit, while passing up Park row, on Tuesday evening. She was immediately surrounded by a curious crowd, and while lying helpless upon the walk, some second-rate stilet from her pocket a wallet, containing a small sum of money, was stolen. The unfortunate woman was taken to the Second Precinct Station House, and subsequently to the New-York Hospital.